

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were pending. Claims 10 and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 15, and 22 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 11-21, and 23-29 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 26 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to include the subject matter deemed allowable by the examiner.

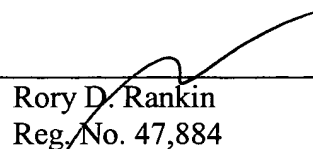
Should the examiner have any questions or comments, or believe there remain issues which would prevent allowance of the present application, the below signed representative requests a telephone interview at (512) 853-8866 in order to facilitate a speedy resolution.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-02600/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,



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